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MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. CHILDS

SUBJECT: Report on Meeting with Mr. Allan Evans Regarding
the Proposed Interagency Operating Procedure on
Status Reports of Intelligence Production

1. Mr. Evans was definitely pleased to see that the Proposed Interagency Operating Procedure contemplated a two-way flow of information. Otherwise, as we anticipated, he would not have bought it.

2. He feels that it would be excellent if the proposed procedure were "humanized". By this he means, and with very good reason, that it would be excellent if the Central Intelligence Agency were to set up an official working level liaison with each of the IAC agencies, who would be able to explain in full detail the objectives to be accomplished by the initiation of certain projects or programs. These same individuals would be able to bring back to CIA similar full information regarding agency undertakings. Since the titles of intelligence programs, estimates, or reports are not always sufficiently explanatory of the contents, I believe there is much to be said in favor of the proposal of Mr. Evans. Of course, these men would have a broader base of operation than merely explaining the contents of proposed intelligence projects.

3. He concluded, however, that if CIA is not now willing or able to go along with the suggestion of establishing the type of liaison system which he feels is essential to good central coordination, that the proposed procedure is at least a step in the right direction. He felt that there may be some practical operating difficulty involved in forwarding the information to CIA by the "fifth working day of each month" as indicated by paragraph 1a of the proposal. This, he felt, was a minor hurdle which could be overcome very easily by discussion between the parties mainly concerned in the undertaking.

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